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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, BG, IN
SUBJ: BDG SEES SNAG IN DISSIDENT RETURN FROM INDIA

REF: DACCA 2702

1. THE AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD EVENING OF MAY 22 BY
FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN THAT THE RETURN OF THE
DISSIDENTS FROM INDIA HAD RUN INTO A "SNAG". ACCORDING
TO TABARAK, 29 HAVE RETURNED SO FAR AND HAVE EITHER BEEN
PLACED IN REHABILITATION CENTERS OR HAVE BEEN PERMITTED
TO BLEND INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE.

2. THE PROBLEM CENTERS AROUND THE FACT THAT THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES PROVIDED THAT THE
RETURNEES SHOULD BE UNARMED. HOWEVER, AT THE TIME THE
FIRST GROUP RETURNED, A SMALL NUMBER ATTEMPTED TO ENTER
BANGLADESH WITH WEAPONS. THIS LED TO AN EXCHANGE OF GUN-
FIRE IN WHICH TWO COWS WERE KILLED ON THE INDIAN SIDE.
THE INDIANS HAVE FILED A PROTEST AND HAVE ASKED
FOR COMPENSATION. THE BDG, IN TURN, CALLED IN INDIAN
HIGH COMMISSIONER MENON ON MAY 21 AND OFFICIALLY COM-
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PLAINED TO HIM THAT THE GOI, BY PERMITTING ARMED
DISSIDENTS TO ENTER BANGLADESH, WAS NOT ABIDING BY THE
EARLIER AGREEMENT.

3. TABARAK SAID THE BDG DOES NOT THINK THIS DIFFICULTY
INVOLVES A CHANGE OF POLICY BY THE GOI. RATHER, THEY
THINK LOCAL COMMANDERS, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE

DISSIDENTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, ARE "CLOSING THEIR EYES"
AND LETTING THESE PEOPLE CROSS THE BORDER WITH THEIR
WEAPONS. THE BDG IS STILL OPTIMISTIC THAT THE RETURN
OF THE DISSIDENTS WILL RESUME, BUT AT THE MOMENT
THINGS ARE AT A STANDSTILL.
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